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MAYOR KISS TO VISIT BUSINESSES IN BURLINGTON'S NEW NORTH END

"Business Call" Program Makes Next Appearance in Burlington's New North End

Burlington, VT – April 13, 2011. On Thursday, April 14th, Mayor Bob Kiss will visit another group of local businesses in Burlington as part of the Mayor's "Business Call" Program. After visits to several downtown retailers during the holiday shopping season and a rapidly growing biotech firm in the Old North End in February, Mayor Kiss will meet with several businesses in Burlington's New North End. The Mayor will visit a wide variety of sites Thursday morning:

- **9 am.** The Mayor will visit Biben's (formerly Hill's) Ace Hardware at the Ethan Allen Shopping Center, where he will speak with manager Jack Magro.
- **9:45 am.** Mayor Kiss will cross the parking lot to meet with David Hauke, owner of the Ethan Allen Shopping Center.
- **10:30 am.** Mayor Kiss will meet Blair Wahler, owner of Lake Champlain Computers, which opened in late 2010 at 1353 North Avenue.
- **11:15 am.** The morning will conclude with Mayor Kiss touring the construction site of the 47 unit housing project at 1189-1193 North Avenue with developer Eric Farrell.

The Mayor's Business Call Program has covered several areas across the city in recent months, with visits to several ethnic and neighborhood markets, restaurants, the Off Center Theater, The Bobbin, Old Spokes Home, and Bia Diagnostics in the Old North End. The next visits took place in the South End, where Mayor Kiss had conversations with several growing businesses, including Dealer.com, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Switchback Brewery, and Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, and took a tour of the new headquarters of the South End Arts & Business Association.

The program is coordinated with the City's Community & Economic Development Office. As with past visits, Mayor Kiss will be accompanied by Bruce Seifer, Assistant Director for Economic Development with CEDO, and Jon Adams-Kollitz, Economic Development Specialist. For more information, please contact Joe Reinert at 865-7275 or jreinert@ci.burlington.vt.us.